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- 1. JOHANNESBURG 'STAR' SEPT. 11 CONTAINS TEXT OF DRAFT "DECLARATION OF INTENT" (REFTEL) FOR CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS UNDERWAY IN WINDHOWK. SOTRY BY STAR WINDHOEK CORRESPONDENT CLIVE COWLEY SAYS TEXT WITHHELD FROM PRESS BUT WAS LEAKED TO HIM.
- 2. DRAFT AS CARRIED IN 'STAR' READS AS FOLLOWS:
- ".WE, THE TRUE AND ACTUAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLES OF THE TERRITORY OF SWA... SOLEMNLY DECLARE: "THAT IN THE EXERCISE OF OUR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE, WE ARE VOLUNTARILY UNCLASSIFIED

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GATHERED IN THIS CONFERENCE, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS THE

CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF SWA.

"THAT WE MOST STRONGLY CONDEMN AND REJECT THE USE OF FORCE, OR ANY INTERFERENCE FROM OUTSIDE, IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW THE EXISTING ORDER OR ENFORCE A NEW DISPENSATION. "THAT WE ARE FIRMLY RESOLVED TO DETERMINE OUR FUTURE OURSELVES BY PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS AND COOPERATION. "THAT MINDFUL OF THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES OF EACH OF OUR PEOPLES, IT IS OUR FIRM RESOLVE-- IN THE EXECUTION OF OUR TASK-- TO SERVE AND RESPECT THEIR WISHES AND INTERESTS.

"THAT WE, THEREFORE, INTEND TO CREATE A FORM OF GOVERNMENT WHICH WILL ENSURE TO EVERY PEOPLE THE GREAT-EST POSSIBLE SAY IN ITS OWN AFFAIRS-- WHICH WILL FULLY PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF MINORITIES AND WHICH WILL DO RIGHT AND JUSTICE TO ALL-- WITH PROPER CONSIDERATION OF THE INTERESTS OF SWA AS A WHOLE.

"THAT IS IS OUR OBJECT TO REACH THE AIMS MENTIONED HEREIN WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS.

"THE DECLARATION CONTINUED: THAT WE ARE DESIROUS OF CREATING SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WHICH BEST PROMOTE THE WELFARE, INTERESTS AND PEACEFUL CO-EXISTENCE OF ALL THE INHABITANTS OF SWA AND THEIR DESCENDANTS.

"THAT WE ARE RESOLVED TO EXERT OURSELVES TOWARDS THE PROMOTION OF, AND RESPECT FOR, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS FOR ALL WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF RACE, COLOUR, SEX OR CREED.

"THEREFORE WE RESOLVE:

"(A) TO DRAFT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION OUR AIM OF THREE YEARS, A CONSTITUTION FOR SWA.

"(B) TO DEVOTE ATTENTION TO MEASURES WHICH WILL PROMOTE THE WELFARE, INTERESTS AND PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE OF ALL."

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